

## **MEET THE STAFF: 2016-2017**



**Ms. Valerie, Lead Teacher** | Valerie has a degree in Early Childhood Education and has worked at Dual Language Preschool for the past seven years. She also works after school as a Lead Supervisor and is a Day Camp Leader during the summer. Valerie has three beautiful daughters: Amira is six years old, Adelynn is three years old, and Ayla is two years old. She loves spending time with her family, going on walks, scrapbooking, and cooking. Valerie is excited for the new school year and getting to know each of the children and their families.



Ms. Tracy, Assistant Teacher | Tracy is enrolled at Southeast Community College and is studying to become a physical therapist assistant. This is Tracy's third year as Assistant Teacher with Dual Language Preschool. She has also worked as a Day Camp Leader with Irving Recreation Center's summer program for children in grades K-2, and as a Center Supervisor after school. Additionally, Tracy works with children and families at Parks and Rec's Ager Indoor Play Center and at the YMCA. During her free time she enjoys watching sports, geocaching, baking, and being with her friends and family. She is looking forward to exploring and learning new things with our preschool students this year.



**Mr. Rick, Center Director** | Rick is responsible for all aspects of Irving Recreation Center operations. Rick comes to us from the "F" Street Community Center where he was the assistant Director. While Rick was in college, he worked the afterschool program here at Irving. In his spare he enjoys photography, entomology going to the farm in western Nebraska and spending time with his family.



Ms. Kara, Office Assistant | Kara assists with program registration, billings, child care subsidies, reports, and everything else it takes to keep the Irving Rec. Center office running! She divides her time between several Parks and Rec. locations and is available at Irving most weekday mornings. She has a degree in Human Services and is married with two kids. Both of Kara's kids are alumni of our Dual Language Preschool